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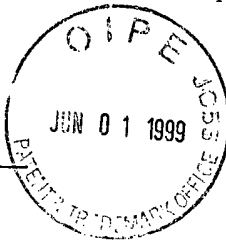
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GRAY et al.

Application No.: 08/892,695

Filed: July 15, 1997

For: GENES FROM THE 20Q13
AMPLICON AND THEIR USES

Examiner: Unger, S.

Art Unit: 1642

PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME WITH FEE
AUTHORIZATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorneys, hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents for a three-month extension of time from March 3, 1999 to June 3, 1999 in which to respond to the Office Action mailed February 1, 1999.

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee of \$670.00 to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please also charge any additional fees

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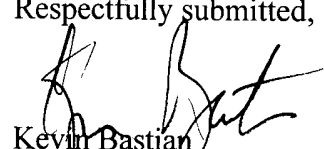
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remaining in this application to the aforementioned deposit account. This Petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,


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